FINANCE & UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

The Committee meeting was convened at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nathan Brown. Those present included: Mayor Nathan Brown; Council Members John Dayton and Vaughn Ripley; Commission Member Brian Keller; and staff members Dave Dunn, Jeremy Mose, Carrie Myers, John Gerstner, Kevin Grunwell, and Julie Martorana. Carroll Jones also attended the meeting, as Mayor Brown will put forth Mr. Jones' name to join the Commission at the January 25, 2022 Council Meeting.

<u>Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System (LEOPS) Actuary Costs</u>

Mr. Dunn and Chief Grunwell discussed this item. They stated staff's desire to have an actuary complete an estimate to determine the feasibility of moving the City's police officers from the current State Retirement Agency system to LEOPS. LEOPS is less years of service overall, which would assist with officer recruitment and retention. The actuary costs would be under \$10,000. The Commission was supportive of this expenditure.

Sewer Smoke Testing Results Discussion

Mr. Mose and Mr. Gerstner discussed this item. Smoke testing was conducted several years ago to determine breaches in the sewer system. Most small problems were already fixed by the City or homeowners, but several larger issues remain, and staff was seeking direction on how to proceed. There are approximately 50-60 issues on lateral lines that could be quite costly for homeowners to fix, but actual cost is difficult to estimate given the limited knowledge staff has to go from. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined staff would compile the exact list of issues and work with a contractor to try to estimate approximate fixes and costs. More accurate figures would help determine whether there is political will to pursue such issues.

ARPA Discussion

Mr. Dunn and Mr. Mose discussed the current list being proposed. There have been many versions of the list, as staff has moved items around to determine need, impact, and whether alternative funding sources may be identified. Ms. Martorana gave a brief description of allowable spending of ARPA funds. Mayor Brown stated staff would be finalizing a list soon to present to the Commission for approval in February, then final approval to the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.